

GRACE

“Grace That Grows Us” – Part 5 of 9

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“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GROW IN CHRIST?

To deepen our _____ with God

HOW DO WE GROW IN CHRIST?

1. Go to God in _____
2. Read God’s _____
3. Obey God’s _____
4. _____ for God by your lifestyle and words
5. _____ God for every detail of your life
6. Ask the Holy Spirit to _____ you and _____ you

THE PROBLEM

GRACE vs. _____

“Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God..” **2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV)**

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” **Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)**

“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.” **Hebrews 12:14 (NIV)**

“It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.” **1 Thessalonians 4:3-6a (NIV)**

THE SOLUTION

_____ is a gift of grace from the Triune God

1. Chosen by God the _____

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves." **Ephesians 1:3-6 (NIV)***

JUSTIFICATION

SANCTIFICATION

GLORIFICATION

2. Redeemed by the blood of _____

*"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding..." **Ephesians 1:7-8 (NIV)***

3. Sealed by the promised _____

*"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory."
Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV)*

THE RESULT

God's Grace Grows Us

"Your hearts should be strengthened by God's grace, not by obeying rules..."

Hebrews 13:9 (NCV)

*"...He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." **Philippians 1:6 (NIV)***

*"For God is at work within you, helping you want to obey Him, and then helping you do what He wants." **Philippians 2:13 (TLB)***